

## BUSINESS STAYS FUN

## Hotel Men's Good Time Interrupted by Election.

JEROME H. JOYCE PRESIDENT

Everything Unanimous and with Second Glance—Mr. Roosevelt Plays Host to the Hosts and Launches a Few Jokes—How the Delegates Spend the Day.

Little time was wasted yesterday in the transaction of business by the hotel men. The band got together at the New Willard in the morning at about 11 o'clock and rushed through the routine. In a few minutes more than an hour they were at their posts at the Arlington, and lined up for the buffet luncheon Mrs. Arlington had prepared. At 2:30 o'clock the President received the whole crowd, and welcomed them with a nice speech in which he made several jokes about "better halves" and "good fellows."

The main excuse for the business session was the election of officers. Not that there was any doubt about who was going to be elected into office, but it was necessary that the thing should be voted upon. Some of the members kicked about having so much business to transact, but were quieted by others who explained that business was necessary no matter how disagreeable it might be.

## Joyce Elected Unanimously.

The elections were all unanimous. Jerome H. Joyce, of the Hotel Joyce, Baltimore, was handed the presidential bouquet amid much loud applause. In rising to express his thanks Mr. Joyce said that, having come entirely unprepared for the honor, it was impossible for him to make a speech. This was considered an excellent wheeze, and all the innkeepers laughed merrily and whispered to one another that Joyce was "so clever at repartee."

John T. Devine, of the Shoreham, was Mr. Joyce's best man. He did the nominating act with the grace and ease of a polished after-dinner cigar. "The gentleman," said Mr. Devine, "introduces me to you as a great executive. Mr. Joyce must be to run a hotel named after himself, and what a good name he is and how cute he would look in the president's chair. Closing Mr. Devine said: 'I place in nomination the name of Jerome H. Joyce.'

Everybody wanted to second the nomination, and a heated argument was started about it. Finally, the retiring president, James H. Bowker, of the Arlington, Conn., was enough seconded and that the game was being delayed. Visions of cold soup quelled the riot, and when Mr. Joyce's name was put up for a vote he was given the unanimous raising of the right hand. The other officers elected were: First vice president, M. A. Court, of Columbus; secretary and treasurer, J. K. Blatchford.

## Expenditures Exceed \$43,844.17.

Brief reports were turned in by the representatives of the various sections of the national body, and J. K. Blatchford delivered his annual report on the financial question. It appears that despite the expenditure of \$43,844.17, the organization was still \$5,575.70 in the good on last year's budget average. This cheering information was received with loud cries of "Dive it."

After being released from the restraint of an hour or so of mental exercise, the hotel men dashed out into the sunlight and looked over to the Arlington. Much there and was delighted to be the host of the luncheon, in which the ladies of the organization participated.

Then all the visitors and their families strolled in dignified groups to the White House to meet the President. They were received in the East Room, and the President was very cordial and smiling. He shook hands with every one, and then delivered a little speech, in which he said that he had often been the guest of many there and was delighted to be the host in turn. This joke was followed by several just as good, and everybody was happy and smiling when they pulled up stakes and departed to their various hotels a few minutes later.

The rest of the afternoon the hotel men were at liberty to follow their own wishes. Many took automobiles and scurried about the city, while a large number sought the repose that comes in a darkened hotel chamber in anticipation of the doings to follow.

## ALL READY IN BALTIMORE.

## Hotel Men to Have "Time of Their Lives" There.

The hotel men in convention here are already looking forward to the "hot old time" planned for them in Baltimore beginning to-morrow. Reports from the Monumental City show that the hotel men there are making a monumental effort to leave no stone unturned, the tipping over of the lighted ad to the enjoyment of their guests.

President Joyce is chairman ex-officio of the working committee, and before coming to Washington to the convention had been working night and day on the arrangements. The committee are as follows:

Entertainment—Messrs. James P. A. O'Connor, R. S. Down, John H. Laugel, and E. P. Herbert. Banquet—R. S. Down, William P. Farrell, E. B. McChesney, P. S. Flynn, and C. O'Brien. Reception—H. M. P. Farrell, P. S. Flynn, R. S. Down, M. L. Daiger, W. S. Langford, J. S. Marshall, William P. Farrell, H. A. Smith, P. E. Long, J. E. Barrett, James E. Boney, and James L. Flynn.

Transportation—James P. A. O'Connor, J. H. Langford, R. S. Down, and E. P. Herbert. Seconers and getting to H. Langford, R. S. Down, and James P. A. O'Connor.

Automobiles and carriages—W. Langford, W. M. Kruger, R. S. Down, J. H. Laugel, and James P. A. O'Connor.

Crab dinner—William P. Farrell, H. M. Bousick, W. M. Kruger, C. L. Ruhl, E. B. McChesney, M. L. Daiger, and Frank J. Meyer.

Hospitality—E. B. McChesney, C. O'Brien, P. S. Flynn, W. M. Kruger, H. M. Bousick, J. E. Barrett, William P. Farrell, and M. L. Daiger.

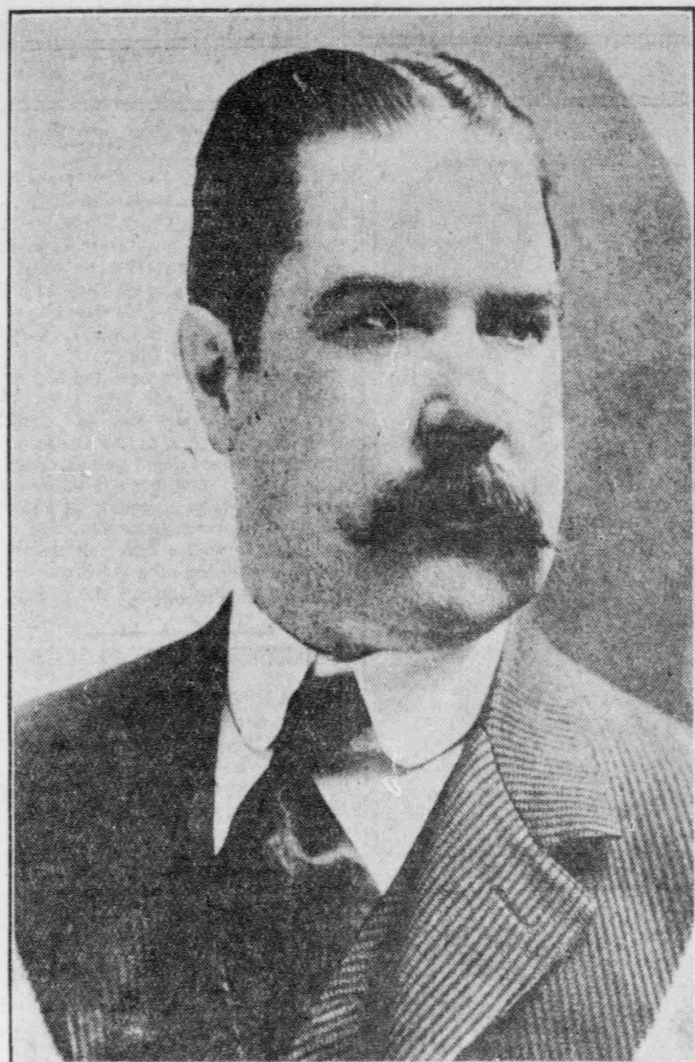
The ladies, of course, will have their own committee, of which Mrs. Joyce is chairman. The committee in full is:

Mrs. Jerome H. Joyce, chairman; Mrs. James P. A. O'Connor, Mrs. J. P. Samsel, Mrs. P. S. Flynn, Mrs. Walter S. Kruger, Mrs. John S. Marshall, Mrs. C. Warner Stock, Mrs. Robert S. Down, Mrs. William P. Farrell, Mrs. Charles H. Ruhl, Mrs. Charles H. Knapp, Mrs. Margaret J. Gillies, Mrs. James L. Flynn, Mrs. M. L. Daiger, Mrs. Frank J. Meyer, Mrs. H. M. Bousick, Mrs. E. B. McChesney, Mrs. Charles S. Woodford, Mrs. P. E. Long, Mrs. J. E. Barrett, Mrs. Nannie Smith, Mrs. Susan H. Herbert, and Mrs. Nannie V. Langford.

The programme outlined gives no time for anything but pleasure, and it will be one round of delights.

Fire Extinguishers Successful Test. A second test of the dry dust fire extinguisher was made at the State, War and Navy Building on Monday, and proved quite satisfactory to Capt. Poole and others who witnessed it. The first demonstration went awry, as was told last week, but this, it is explained, was not so much the fault of the extinguisher as of unfavorable conditions and circumstances. In the second demonstration the fire was extinguished in a few seconds, and the demonstrator, Thomas M. Owens, points with pride to this success as showing that the method has all the virtue claimed for it.

## NEW PRESIDENT OF THE, H. M. M. B. A.



JEROME H. JOYCE.

The election of Jerome H. Joyce, of Baltimore, to the presidency of the Hotel Men's Mutual Benefit Association was particularly gratifying to the strong Baltimore contingent of hotel men attending the convention here. The Baltimore Hotel Men's Association and the Maryland Hotel Men's Association, of which Mr. Joyce is president, opened the campaign for their candidate, and the manner in which one delegation after another came into line for the Baltimorean was evidence of his great popularity. Mr. Joyce is a native of Baltimore, and was born in the Joyce Hotel, on Camden street, established by his father, in 1890. For the past twelve years Mr. Joyce has been the proprietor of this hotel, and has been an active worker in every movement for the promotion of Baltimore public interests. He is a member of the Merchants and Manufacturers' and Travelers and Merchants' associations of the Monumental City, as well as the Credit Men's Association. He is also a member of several clubs, including the Pimlico Country Club, the Maryland Jockey Club, and the Saturday Night Club. Mr. Joyce was one of the prime movers in the jubilee to celebrate the reconstruction of Baltimore after the big fire in 1904. He married Miss Jeannette Scherer, daughter of John Scherer, a prominent lumber merchant in Baltimore, in 1893. They have two children, Jerome H. Joyce, Jr., and Aileen.

## LOVING CUP TO G. W. SPIER CLAIMS HE WAS AMBUSHED

## Saengerbund Presents Testimonial of Its Esteem.

## Souvenir Given in Recognition of Work as Chairman of Reception Committee for Viennese.

Appreciating the successful efforts he rendered in connection with the visit of the Wiener Maennergesang Verein at the White House and the reception tendered to them by the Saengerbund at the New Willard, George W. Spier, chairman of the Saengerbund-Vienna committee, was presented with a solid silver loving-cup, appropriately inscribed, in the presence of a large number of enthusiastic singers at the Banquet Hall last night.

John Waldman, president of the Saengerbund, occupied the chair and introduced the first speaker of the evening, the Hon. Simon Wolf, former United States Minister to Turkey, who, in the name of the committee, presented the cup to Mr. Spier.

Mr. Spier, who was entirely unprepared for the surprise, made a brief speech, in which he expressed his thanks for the confidence reposed in him. Others who spoke were Frank Claudy, honorary president of the Saengerbund; William Kail, of the Germania Maennerchor, Chicago; E. F. Droop, Christian Heurich, William Hahn, Adolph Leber, Albert Lep- per, vice president of the bund; Dr. Christopher Strack, Christian Xander, H. H. Bergmann, and others.

In the course of the evening's programme laudable mention was made of Prof. Henry Xander, musical director of the Saengerbund; A. F. Jorse, and Anton Lerch, who will leave the latter end of this week for an extended tour of Europe.

The following members were present: Ben Simon Wolf, Christian Heurich, E. F. Droop, Carl Drona, William Hahn, Werner Koch, president of the Washington Journal (German); Jacob Kapp, Dr. Knap, Adolph Leber, Frank Claudy, Christian Xander, John Waldman, Fred Carl, Henry Xander, George W. Spier, Anton Lerch, Karl Heurich, A. H. Abbott, R. G. Abbott, W. E. Abbott, Beck, Fred G. Dietrich, Charles Debraut, Karl Barr, George H. Benedict, William Beuchter, Adolf Bauner, George Brandt, J. Paul Brandt, Arthur S. Blum, Richard Bauner, G. J. Beck, Fred G. Dietrich, Charles Debraut, Frank Eschinger, William Fellhaus, Charles Eschinger, William Hahnemann, Charles Hick, E. S. Heller, Charles H. H. Hahn, Siegfried Schan- laus, V. D. Schubert, John Wilson, C. R. Xanten, Albert J. Xanten, and Fred Vogelaar.

The committee in charge of the presentation and the Abschied Festivities consisted of: Simon Wolf, Carl Drona, and A. F. Jorse.

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GEN. M. M. BLUNT DEAD.

Had Served in the Army More than Fifty Years.

Brig. Gen. Matthew M. Blunt, retired, died yesterday at his home in New London, Conn. He had served in the army more than fifty-three years, and has been on the retired list since April 23, 1894.

Gen. Blunt was born in New York in 1820, and was appointed a cadet from that State to the West Point Military Academy in 1840. He was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant, Second Artillery, in 1852.

The outbreak of the civil war he was appointed captain of the Twelfth Infantry, in which he served until retired as colonel of the Sixteenth Infantry in 1894. He was advanced to the grade of brigadier general on the retired list April 23, 1894.

## HOTEL MEN BANQUET

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lence. But after a course or two had disappeared, the running of the catered hundreds grew louder and louder. This might be attributed to the fact that the room was getting closer and closer.

## Some Vaudeville Turns.

While the fish was being disposed of a pair of German comedians in full make-up drifted in the center of the hall and began the merriment with a ludicrous sketch about an impossible sort of an airship that one of them was carrying around with him. It was not a real airship, just an imitation one, but these comedians followed pretended that they were sailing miles up in the air and passing over the different cities, for each one of which they had one joke. Then they came down to earth again, and one of them read some burlesque directions to hotel guests. They used the names of the different prominent hostilities, and made a decided hit. Perhaps the best of the directions was supposed to have happened at a local hotel. As the little German read it, it was, "to prevent fruit from being taken from the table; there will be no fruit."

Then the Nichols sisters dropped in and sang several negro dialect songs, but their cork make-up. There was a good deal of confusion during that time, and only a few of the diners heard the singers, which was a pity, as their work was extremely artistic in its line. George O'Connor, a local favorite, sang several comic songs with ragtime accompaniment by Matty Horn, of the police force.

Toward the close of the dinner small silk flags were passed around, and when the orchestra played the "American Patrol," bringing in the various national airs, the whole gathering rose to their feet waving the colors and singing "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean," just as though they meant it.

Commissioner Macfarland Speaks. President Bowker introduced Commissioner Macfarland, who stood on a chair and endeavored to make himself heard above the din. In part, Mr. Macfarland spoke as follows:

"In the years since you last met here the National Capital has advanced far toward the ideal which we hold up before it. You see it in all its spring glories, more beautiful now in some respects than any other city in the world. It is a beautiful beautiful Capital on each. Our plans for its physical and moral development include perfect laws and model customs, as well as noble buildings, parks, and boulevards."

"We want, and we expect, your support as patriotic Americans interested in your National Capital in carrying them out. Nobody in the country has more influence than you, and we count upon it for the benefit of Washington. As you meet your guests, you are in the most beautiful of positions to do this. You are in your hotels, and especially, as you meet your Senators and Representatives in Congress, encourage them in the purpose to build up and beautify the city founded and planned by George Washington. The time is ripe for the thing which you claim as your interest in this world."

Mr. Muschenheim, proprietor of the Astor House, spoke upon the duties of hotel men toward their brethren, and suggested the need of establishing a personal acquaintance between the proprietors of those who have grown too old or otherwise incapable of continuing in the business. Mr. Muschenheim's address was received with great attention and interest.

Pratties the President. Mr. Muschenheim said, in part:

"It was certainly a happy thought to select this beautiful city for our convention place; this historic ground, where for more than one hundred years the brainiest men this country has produced have assembled regularly to discuss the great questions of the day. Passing the White House this morning, I looked up at its windows and thought with silent admiration of the man who, no doubt at that hour, was busy with the momentous problems of our time, and whose unselfishness and patriotism—while they may have had their equal—never had their superior. For one like myself, who has almost a lifetime of this historic ground, where for more than one hundred years the brainiest men this country has produced have assembled regularly to discuss the great questions of the day, it is not without a sense of awe that I look upon the man who, no doubt at that hour, was busy with the momentous problems of our time, and whose unselfishness and patriotism—while they may have had their equal—never had their superior."

While their husbands and brothers feasted at the Raleigh, two hundred and fifty women who came to Washington with the association, banqueting in female nine state at the New Willard last night. Without the customary somber effect of black evening clothes of the men, the hall presented a mass of bright colors and brilliant toilettes.

The guests were grouped about fifty small tables. No table was set apart for distinguished guests, and there was no toastmaster or speeches. Flags and flowers were made up of potted plants and ferns in such profusion that entrance to the room was difficult.

Freed from masculine restraint, a constant conversation showed that a banquet does not require toasts and men to make it enjoyable. Until nearly midnight the ladies feasted, after which they sat in groups and waited for their male friends, and in some cases went to the Raleigh and stood outside the banquet hall while the speeches were in progress. It was, perhaps, due to the arrival of the ladies that the later speakers were able to make themselves heard at least ten feet away.

Hotels Keep Pace. "The business of the government has grown to gigantic proportions as a consequence of the vast increase in this country's industries, and our hotels, likewise, have increased both in size and number."

"Mr. Devine has asked me to respond to the toast, 'Hotels of To-day and the Future.' We know something of the past, a great deal about the present, but can only guess at the future."

"We are living in an age where a woman wants to go to a large hotel because she wants to see the people, and the man wants to go to the large hotel because he finds opportunities to extend the circle of his acquaintance, and he is in the habit of going to the hotel to broaden his views of life. Hotel proprietors of to-day seem to be more liberal also in their judgment of those engaged in the same line of work and less hypocritical of men and methods, and they are certainly freer from petty jealousies. There exists and manifests itself day by day a tendency toward and an effort to work on a higher plane."

"Now, as to what the future will bring in the way of hotels is hard to tell. Personally, I do not believe that we will see as much revolution in construction in the next fifty years as we have seen in the last twenty. Changes will not be so rapid a radical nature. It is to be hoped that in the future such a thing as a 'ratsheeler' on the roof or a 'roof garden' in the cellar will not vex the souls of those who believe in the 'eternal nit' of things of methods."

Methods Will Change. "But I believe the biggest change of all will be in our methods. What has become very apparent to me in the last decade is that hotel-keeping is becoming more and more a profession. The hotel-keeper, therefore, observes a decided tendency on his part to operate on broader lines. Co-operation with one another is no longer the exception; it is the rule. And that is the way it should be. To promote this co-operation and friendly feeling, we are in New York just now establishing a central office, where our secretary is in charge of a neutral ground, and where a clubroom is also fitted up for the members to meet for the exchange of ideas and tell one another their experiences; where we expect to pay special attention to legislative matters."

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The other ships, except the Alabama, Illinois, Kentucky, and Kearsarge, forming the third division of Rear Admiral Davis' Second squadron, will follow within the next few days. Admiral Davis will remain at Hampton Roads to entertain the Brazilian and Chilean squadrons.

Nearly all the battle ships that are leaving Hampton Roads at this time will go to New York for two reasons—to get into dock for repairs, and to give the men shore liberty. The cruisers and torpedo boats will be sent to the yards at Norfolk and League Island. It is hoped by officials of the Navy Department to have most of them out in time to participate in the exercises in Hampton Roads June 10. That will be the last big function at which the navy will take important part during the exposition, so far as arranged at present. No more foreign visitors are expected after that time, but a large number of the American ships will be stationed there from time to time as they can be spared from their other duties.

Engineers Hear Addresses. "Engineering Feats at the Jamestown Exposition," was the subject under discussion at the meeting of the Washington Society of Engineers, at 729 Fifteenth street, last night. The methods of construction of the various projects requiring engineering skill were outlined. Addressed were made by Dr. D. T. Day, H. M. Wilson, Lieut. E. H. Dent, and V. M. Pierce.

where we expect all of you to call when you come to New York, and to see, if you can, the great engineering feats of the world. No longer can a hotel man hope to succeed unless he is fair, not only to those with whom he has business dealings, but to the public, and to his colleagues. This, it should be our desire to encourage. Our code of ethics should not permit us to do anything that we would like to have remain a secret. I do not mean that we should kill individuality; on the contrary, we should promote it. I do not think we should discourage rivalry, for, if too, is beneficial and stimulates trade; but while we favor rivalry we must not be guilty of piracy."

Has Done Great Good. "This Hotel Men's Mutual Benefit Association is one of the monuments which hotel men have erected to themselves. It has done no end of good during its existence, and there is no reason to suppose that it will do any less in the future."

"Being now firmly established, the thought has suggested itself, which I venture to submit for your consideration: Whether or not the time has arrived to broaden its field of work by establishing a home for such old members who have grown gray in the service, and who, through no fault of their own, have no place to go after becoming physically unfit to continue in the pursuit of their daily occupation. I think this would be a noble and commendable undertaking, and would still more cement the bond of friendship that already exist among the members of the fraternity."

Mr. Tierney followed Mr. Macfarland, and had great difficulty in making himself heard. Finally some kind friend stepped upon a chair and in loud and determined accents suggested that those who did not care to hear Mr. Tierney's speech should either keep quiet or go out, a suggestion that was greeted with cheers from a goodly portion of the gathering.

Deplores Reform Waves. Mr. Tierney said, in part:

"In view of the magnitude and importance of the hotel business of to-day in every city, town, village, and hamlet in the United States, and moreover in consideration of the lofty and exalted character of the men and women engaged in this honorable profession, it is to be deplored that our business interests are constantly being menaced and jeopardized by a fanatical wave of so-called reform that every year sweeps over the land in some new guise or form, and finds lodgment in the narrow and prejudiced minds of a few hysterical women and fanatical men who have no better occupation in life than to interfere with certain fixed conditions of law and society to the detriment of their neighbor's personal and property interests."

"We of New York have recently gone through a strenuous campaign of defense against many proposed laws that were introduced in the present session of our State legislature, and we now take a pardonable pride in telling you that not one amendment or objectionable bill was enacted into law."

"This achievement was made possible only through the influence and activity of both our State and City Hotel Associations, acting as a unit in their opposition to the enemies of the hotel industry, who never lose an opportunity to impale our character and our manhood on the spear of their prejudice and fanaticism to the injury of our business and to the derogation of our social responsibilities and obligations."

"Let us continue to be united within our respective State organizations for self-protection."

War Ships Depart from Hampton Roads to Be Docked.

Ordered to Reassemble June 10, When President Will Again Visit Exposition.

## LANDS THROWN OPEN

## Settlers to Get Nearly One Million Acres in July.

## FOREST RESERVES REOPENED

Secretary of the Interior Dates for Entry Large Tracts in Several of the Far Western States—Survey Is Now Being Made—Clash with the Union Pacific Coal Company.

In accordance with the policy of President Roosevelt in reopening large tracts of public domain in the West which were designated by former Secretary Hitchcock as forest reserves, Secretary Garfield, of the Interior Department, yesterday, by executive order, dated for entry and settlement in August, 598,540 acres in Washington, California, Wyoming, and Oregon. This land will be subject to settlement in July, and for entry and filing one month later. The tracts opened are as follows: 257,280 acres adjoining Washington National Forest Reserve, Washington; 98,560 acres adjoining Rainier National Forest Reserve, Washington; 129,280 acres adjoining San Jacinto National Forest Reserve, California; 24,960 acres adjoining Medicine Bow National Forest Reserve, Wyoming; and 47,960 acres adjoining Cascade and Heppner National Forest reserves, Oregon.

The Union Pacific Coal Company, of which E. H. Harriman is president, has made a return of about 2,600 acres of mineral land to the government, situated in Wyoming. The case, which was first brought to public attention during a recent investigation by inspectors of the General Land Office, has been amicably settled between representatives of the government and officials of the company. But this does not necessarily mean, according to the Assistant Attorney General of the Interior Department, that criminal proceedings could not be instituted. Having obtained the land by buying soldiers' scrip, carrying with it a proviso that such lands must be finally settled upon and used for agricultural purposes, the offense of criminality, it is alleged, exists because the coal company used it to mine coal.

A complete investigation by the Geological Survey, of which Mr. H. H. Henshaw is Secretary Garfield yesterday, defines the land as "mineral land," and not subject to homestead entry.

Commissioner Ballinger, of the General Land Office, has recommended the appointment of three appraisers to appraise the lands of the abandoned Gig Harbor Military Reservation, which, by the act of Congress, approved June 6, 1906, authorized the Secretary of the Interior to sell the lands of the reservation to the public for disposal. They are Marion D. McCoy, examiner of surveys of the General Land Office, and Robert E. Dunlap and Wiser C. Williams, of Seattle, Wash.

The first named is now engaged in making survey, the notes of which will, on completion, be filed in the surveyor general's office, at Olympia.

In the matter of the oral argument before Commissioner Ballinger, of the General Land Office, May 7, relative to Raca Flats No. 2, involving 100,000 acres of land in the southern part of Arizona, a decision was rendered May 12 by the assistant commissioner, Mr. Dennett. It was held that no reason was seen for questioning the question of the land, the decision heretofore rendered by the department, and the case was properly before the office for determination of the known character of the land at the time the location was made, June 17, 1883.

DIAZ SPRINGS SURPRISE. Suggestion of Mexico as Joint Protectorate Causes Commotion.

There has been quite a commotion in Latin-American diplomatic circles over the interview with President Diaz, in which he advocated a joint protectorate by the United States and Mexico over the Central American states. It is very evident that the interview of the President of the Mexican republic took the State Department by such surprise as it did the rest of the world.

Assistant Secretary Bacon had three earnest callers yesterday—the diplomatic representatives, respectively, of the republics of Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Salvador. They called to learn what interest the State Department had in the suggestions of President Diaz, and whether any steps had been taken looking to such a joint protectorate.

Their fears were promptly allayed by the explanation that the United States had heard nothing officially from Mexico of such a plan, and had no power to enter into such an arrangement even if it were agreeable.

H. A. WILLARD CELEBRATES. Entertains Oldest Inhabitants in Honor of Eighty-fifth Birthday.

In celebration of his eighty-fifth birthday, H. A. Willard, one of the oldest residents of the District of Columbia, entertained at luncheon in the Occidental Hotel yesterday afternoon. The host, as hale as any of his juniors, presided at the board and extended a cordial greeting to all his guests.

On behalf of the association, B. H. Varney presented a large bouquet to Mr. and Mrs. Willard, and congratulated his host on his remarkable vigor and faculties. Simon Wolf added his good wishes in a brief speech, and Harry K. Willard, on behalf of his father, thanked the members for their attendance.

An interesting album, containing numerous autograph letters of congratulation from distinguished friends of Mr. Willard, was displayed on a side table. Gathered around the festive board were:

Charles Allen, G. A. Ames, George W. Arthur, William F. Brown, S. W. Bogan, S. Thomas Brown, Charles Brown, G. W. Balloch, Sebastian Barr, William B. Britton, H. M. Burnett, William B. Brown, E. Campbell, George Collins, William W. Chambers, Henry N. Capps, John Cammack, C. G. Calvert, H. V. Colton, William A. Clarke, Charles H. Caldwell, D. T. Case, Patrick Cleary, John L. Dally, R. A. Dellinger, H. M. Dellinger, E. F. Droop, F. N. Dooly, W. W. Danaher, William H. Davis, John P. Entwistle, Oliver C. Fisher, William H. Fuss, W. G. Gallant, George Gibson, Adam Gaddis, J. J. Georges, A. Gracie, Anthony Grazier, Joseph F. Howard, H. O. Hall, C. M. Henshaw, Edward Kern, Joseph L. Keefe, George W. Love, D. S. Lamb, P. P. Little, William Lenzford, William A. Linton, William B. Marech, John B. McCarthy, F. P. McDermott, Charles S. Price, P. W. Pilling, William B. Palmer, J. Tyler Powell, S. F. Rouse, J. R. Bagles, A. H. Ragen, R. E. Ragsdale, Wallace W. Radcliffe, J. H. Rose, J. H. Small, Jr., William Starr, E. Shaw, George Y. Suter, S. S. Stearns, William R. Smith, O. F. Smith, Henry Thompson, Adam S. Taylor, S. Thomas Brown, E. G. T. Taylor, Gilbert Thompson, Thomas H. Unsworth, Simon Wolfe, H. Warner, L. A. Wood, Thomas Williams, M. Watkins, J. P. Waller, J. H. Walker, George B. Welsh, Allison K. Parris, George M. Harvey, J. D. Cahill, C. F. Eckold, George Wilmer, C. B. Smith, Charles Holmes, A. H. Ross, J. E. Heller, A. J. Barbe, J. E. Wright, E. J. McNair, James T. McCleary, Thomas R. Jones, Thomas W. Smith, A. W. Keller, J. Edward Lindsey, R. W. Rose.

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Nearly all the battle ships that are leaving Hampton Roads at this time will go to New York for two reasons—to get into dock for repairs, and to give the men shore liberty. The cruisers and torpedo boats will be sent to the yards at Norfolk and League Island. It is hoped by officials of the Navy Department to have most of them out in time to participate in the exercises in Hampton Roads June 10. That will be the last big function at which the navy will take important part during the exposition, so far as arranged at present. No more foreign visitors are expected after that time, but a large number of the American ships will be stationed there from time to time as they can be spared from their other duties.

Engineers Hear Addresses. "Engineering Feats at the Jamestown Exposition," was the subject under discussion at the meeting of the Washington Society of Engineers, at 729 Fifteenth street, last night. The methods of construction of the various projects requiring engineering skill were outlined. Addressed were made by Dr. D. T. Day, H. M. Wilson, Lieut. E. H. Dent, and V. M. Pierce.

where we expect all of you to call when you come to New York, and to see, if you can, the great engineering feats of the world. No longer can a hotel man hope to succeed unless he is fair, not only to those with whom he has business dealings, but to the public, and to his colleagues. This, it should be our desire to encourage. Our code of ethics should not permit us to do anything that we would like to have remain a secret. I do not mean that we should kill individuality; on the contrary, we should promote it. I do not think we should discourage rivalry, for, if too, is beneficial and stimulates trade; but while we favor rivalry we must not be guilty of piracy."

Has Done Great Good. "This Hotel Men's Mutual Benefit Association is one of the monuments which hotel men have erected to themselves. It has done no end of good during its existence, and there is no reason to suppose that it will do any less in the future."

"Being now firmly established, the thought has suggested itself, which I venture to submit for your consideration: Whether or not the time has arrived to broaden its field of work by establishing a home for such old members who have grown gray in the service, and who, through no fault of their own, have no place to go after becoming physically unfit to continue in the pursuit of their daily occupation. I think this would be a noble and commendable undertaking, and would still more cement